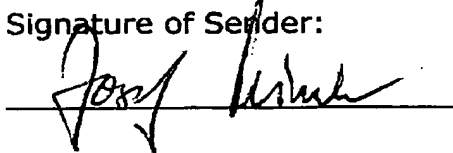


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This communication is in response to the Final Office Action in the subject patent application mailed February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003. Please amend this application as indicated.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 16 as indicated below. Kindly cancel claims 17 and 20 without prejudice. Claims 18, 19, and 21 through 27 remain unchanged.

16. (amended) A steering column module for vehicles having a steering wheel cooperating with a steering column, wherein a stationary tubular jacket bears the steering column for rotation within that tubular jacket, the steering column module comprising: